



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.



**Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Matthew 25 Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

Today at Westminster

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** **Food Collection** for Emmanuel Dining in the Westminster parking lot.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** **Worship** in the Sanctuary. See guidelines on page 6.
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** **Prayground** in Community Hall. Worship is live streamed and activities are provided for children. Masking (for those over the age of 2) and social distancing are required. See guidelines on page 6.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **180 Youth** meet in the WPC parking lot (please see p. 7 for details).

Please see page 7 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.

Today's Music: The fully vaccinated Westminster Choir brings an anthem by Jane Marshall, a prolific composer of choral music and hymns, who died in 2019 at the age of 94. The Texas native was a longtime member of the Meadows School of the Arts theory faculty and the Sacred Music graduate faculty at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She began her career in sacred music as a volunteer church choir member and enjoyed hundreds of published works over the course of her lifetime.

Westminster has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the 11th consecutive year. This honor means we exhibit exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and are good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in the U.S. have earned this honored distinction.

Westminster is a Matthew 25 Congregation that strives to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism, and build congregational vitality. The gospel calls us to actively engage in the world so that our faith comes alive.

Westminster is a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians whose mission is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace, by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a more just and inclusive church.

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Rochford on his heavenly birthday by the Fleming Family. The flowers in the narthex are in loving memory of Dick Hatfield by the Hickey family whose memorial service was Friday.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. Available dates are October 31, November 28, December 12 and 19.

Westminster's Prayer Team prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by email: wpcprayerlist@gmail.com.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website www.wpc.org and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.



ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TOWER CHIME

Craig Checkel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

McNeil Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by our own strength alone.

God anchors all life, and without God there is no life.

Let us draw close to God, trusting in divine love.

Let us join with all creation in singing God's praise!

HYMN NO. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified (Vs. 1, 2 & 5)

ENGELBERG

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we marvel at your love for us and for creating us in your image.

**With love at our core, you urge us to share our love with others,
spurring healing, happiness, and hope.**

Yet we do not always put forward our finest self.

We can be too judgmental and too self-focused.

**Thank you for forgiving us when we fall short of our intentions
and for new opportunities to make better choices.**

May we fully embrace the life you would have us live:

sowing compassion, striving for justice, and seeking peace.

May it be so.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

[Click here](#) to watch today's TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN on Westminster's YouTube channel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-9

ANTHEM

The Prayers I Make

Jane M. Marshall

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed, if thou the spirit give by which I pray;
My unassisted heart is barren clay, which of its native self can nothing feed;
Of good and pious works thou art the seed which quickens where thou say'st it may;
Unless thou show us then thine own true way, no one can find it! Only, thou must lead!
Do thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind by which such virtue may in me be bred
That in thy holy footsteps I may tread; the fetters of my tongue do thou unbind,
That I may have the pow'r to sing of thee and sound thy praises everlastingly.

—Michelangelo Buonarroti, tr. Wm. Wordsworth

HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Vs. 1, 2, & 5)

CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.	O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.	O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 741

Guide My Feet (Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)	Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)	hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,	hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)	for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org).

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the online bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week.

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Sunday Worship COVID Policy

Given the level of transmission in New Castle County, we are strongly encouraging everyone – including those who are fully-vaccinated – to wear masks at all times while in the building, in accordance with current CDC guidance.

- If you are fully vaccinated and comfortable going without a mask please sit in the front part of the sanctuary and the side transepts. These sections are open seating and mask optional for fully vaccinated people. Please access these sections via the lectern-side transept door off the main hallway.
- If you are not vaccinated or choose to wear a mask, you will be able to social distance in the back part of the sanctuary and balcony. Masks must be worn at all times in these sections. Please access these sections through the Narthex (behind the screen at the rear of the sanctuary).
- Ushers at both entrances will be masked and available to direct you to the proper section.
- *Everyone* is required to wear a mask when entering or exiting the building. This is for the well-being of those who are not vaccinated.
- If you have children too young to be vaccinated, you are welcome to worship in the sanctuary, but we have also created a safe, kid-friendly space. We call it the **Prayground**. This worship space is in Community Hall. We livestream our worship service into Community Hall and provide materials to help young children engage in worship. Masking (for those over age 2) and social distancing is required.

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

You can find virtual Christian education and small group opportunities on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on [YouTube](#).

180 Youth Meeting Resumes in the WPC parking lot! Join us TONIGHT from 5 to 7 p.m.

We'll be playing our favorite games, chatting it up with our small groups, eating dinner, and spending some much needed fellowship time together! 5pm to 7pm in the WPC parking lot (Classroom 6 if the weather is lousy). Don't forget your mask! See you there! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

Midweek Manna Bible Study – Wednesdays at Noon on Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89503349345?pwd=SIJrY2V2Y2tYa3JWQXk5ak1iZU1ldz09>

Wednesday at Noon, resumes September 29.

This fall the Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, will explore the genre of the Hebrew Short Story by reading three Old Testament novellas: Ruth, Jonah, and Esther. In addition to being sacred texts with important theological themes, these works are also great stories! Join us weekly on Zoom and spend some time with Ruth, Jonah, Esther and other compelling figures from the Old Testament.

Thursday Evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our Bible Study, facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters, continues and new faces are always welcome. If interested, contact Randy Williamson at randywilliamson1@comcast.net and you will be sent the Zoom link to access the meeting.

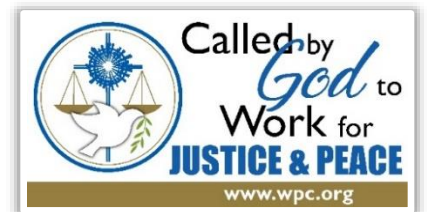
WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Let's Talk About It: Removing Public Statues

Thursday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655>

September 8, 2021, marked the day that the last statue on Monument Avenue in Richmond, VA, honoring those who fought for the Confederacy in America's Civil War came down to cheers from the surrounding crowd. Three years ago, Westminster held a "Let's Talk About It" on the then-emerging topic of statue removal. Much has transpired in the interim. Join us as we share our perspectives on the actions being taken around the country and in our own city. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."



Women's Online Community Group

2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Jill Getty

The women of Westminster connect for heartfelt and enriching discussions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. The Rev. Jill Getty facilitates this group on Zoom. Use this Zoom link to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/477914100?pwd=WmZZUFZ2UEFhZWozOTRnN1hwQnpDQT09>

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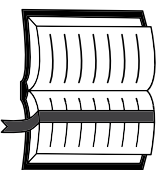
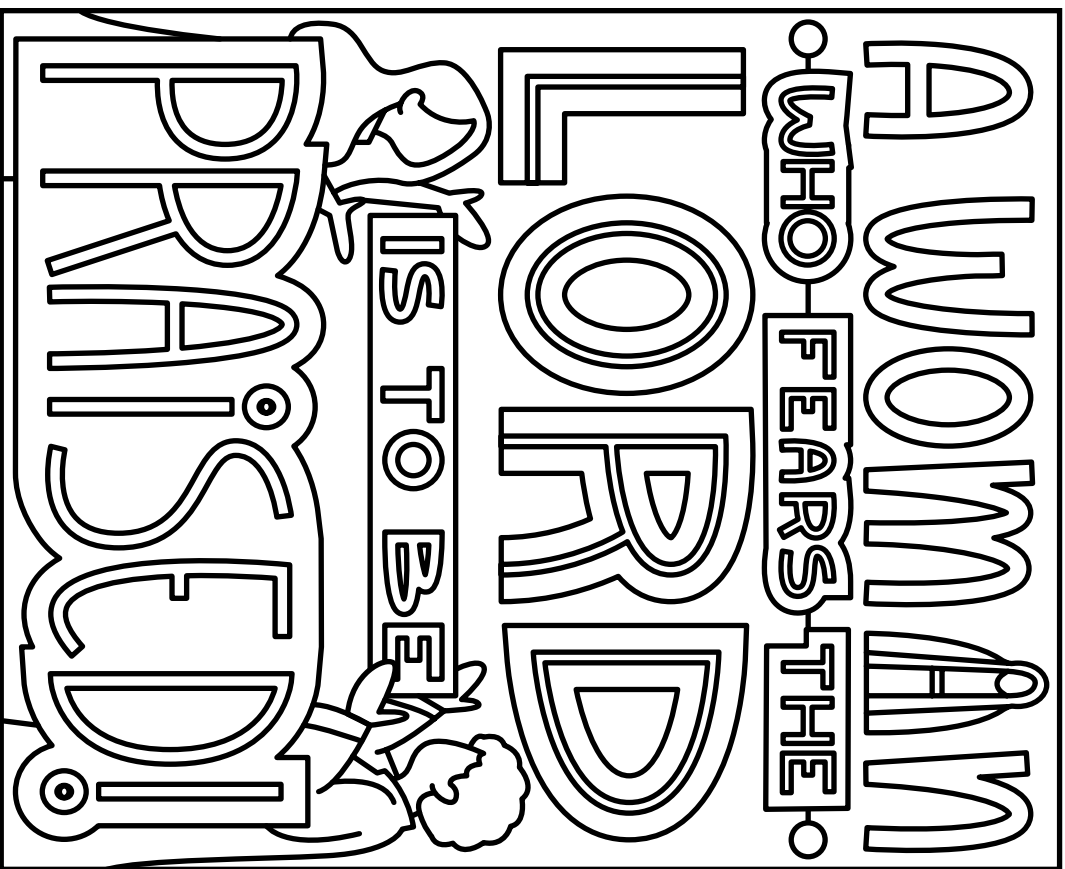
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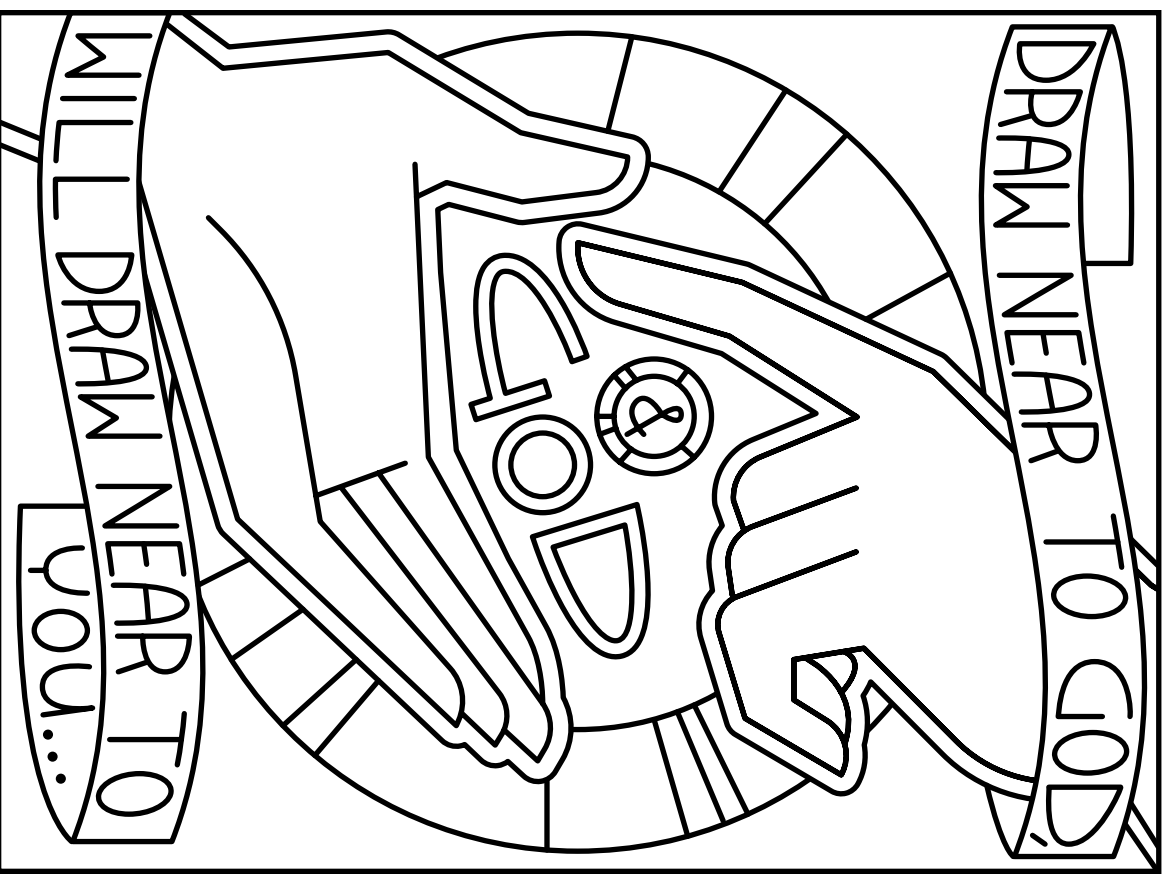


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CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-14, 3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37.





DRAW IT

In Mark 9, we see Jesus take a little child in his arms and tell his followers that whoever wants to follow him needs to love and care for children. Children were some of the most important people to Jesus! Draw a picture of you and other kids you know with Jesus—friends, kids in your class, maybe even a kid you have a hard time loving.

UNSCRAMBLE IT

To what does Psalm 1 compare people who listen to God's instructions? Unscramble the words to find out!

Y H E T R E A K E L I S R E E T

N T A L P D E Y B M E A T S S R

F O E R W A T , H H C W I D E L Y I

H E T R I T R U F I .

DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.